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GEN SHALIKASHVILI, INFO USDP SLOCOMBE, ASD ISA KRAMER, A/S LORD,
A/S WIEDEMANN, LTG HUGHES, KRISTOFF, AMB SASSER AND BG BYRNES
FROM PRUEHER
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SUBJ/PRC MOD CHI HAOTIAN VISIT TO USCINCPAC (U)//
RMKS/1. (U) GEN CHI HAOTIAN, MOD AND VICE CHAIRMAN, PRC CENTRAL
MILITARY COMMISSION, CONCLUDED HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WITH A

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VISIT TO USCINCPAC 16-17 DEC. OUR GOAL FOR THE VISIT WAS TO
CONTINUE THE PROGRESS MADE IN SECDEF DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN CHI IN
WASHINGTON AND TO ALLOW THE DELEGATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECOMPRESS
AFTER AN INTENSE TWO-WEEK ITINERARY IN THE U.S.
2. (S) CLIMATE: GEN CHI AND HIS PARTY ARRIVED IN GOOD SPIRITS,
CLEARLY PLEASED WITH D.C. DISCUSSIONS AND SUBSEQUENT VISITS,
PARTICULARLY SANDIA. [redacted] WILL GIVE THEIR
OWN ACCOUNTS, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THEY HAD DONE SUPERB JOB OF LEADING
AND ORCHESTRATING THE TRIP. [redacted] RAPPORT WITH XIONG GUANGKAI
APPEARED STRONG. ALL DISCUSSIONS WERE CANDID WITH MINIMAL LECTURING
FROM EITHER SIDE. SOCIAL EVENTS WERE WARM, BENEFICIAL, AND FUN --
THOUGH LOCAL POLITICAL FOLKS TOOK THEIR CUE FROM SEN INOUYE AND DID
NOT PARTICIPATE. GEN CHI'S DANCING SKILLS WERE FURTHER HONED -
BELIEVE THERE IS PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE. THE GENTLE HAWAIIAN AIR AND
CUSTOMS HAD GOOD EFFECT.
3. (S) OFFICE CALL: AFTER MY WELCOMING STATEMENTS, CHI EXPRESSED
HIS PLEASURE WITH THE TRIP AND D.C. VISIT. HE HAD HIS GENERALS READ
PEARL HARBOR HISTORY AND WAS WELL TUNED TO SIGNIFICANCE TO US, AND
EAGER TO SEE THE AREA FIRST HAND. HE ELABORATED ON THE ROLE OF
CINCPAC WITH THE PLA [redacted] HAD PRIMED HIM) AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS

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FOR COUNTERPART VISITS IN 1997. HIS BIAS IS FOR MILITARY REGIONAL COMMANDERS TO INTERACT BUT HE UNDERSTANDS NEED FOR GENERAL STAFF - CINCPAC COUNTERPARTS. GEN XIONG GUANGKAI ALSO UNDERSTANDS THIS ISSUE. THE PLAN IS FOR A PRC VISIT TO PACOM IN THE FIRST HALF OF 97 WITH RECIPROCAL TO PRC IN SECOND HALF OF 97. OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER PLANS, SUCH AS [redacted] VISIT (FOR WHICH THEY ARE EAGER). CHI FURTHER COMMITTED TO 1997 PLA NAVY SHIP VISITS TO PEARL AND SAN DIEGO, AS WELL AS RECIPROCALS -- A COMMITMENT HE REITERATED TO [redacted] I GAVE A LIST OF ALL THE PACOM MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES AND INVITED PLA PARTICIPATION AT THE PACE BEST FOR THEM, MENTIONING THAT RUSSIA WAS CONSIDERING RIMPAC PLAY. THIS COMMENT EVOKED RAISED EYEBROWS BUT NO COMMENT. THE VISIT WENT FORTY MINUTES, WAS CORDIAL, AND PRODUCTIVE. TEN MINUTES WERE DEDICATED TO THOROUGH PERUSAL OF OFFICE MEMORABILIA.

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4. (S) COMMAND BRIEF: WE PRESENTED THE PACOM STRATEGY BRIEF WITH FULL ATTENDANCE OF PRC DELEGATION AS WELL AS KEY PACOM STAFF MEMBERS AND COMPONENT COMMANDERS. OUR FOLKS, WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS, DID A SUPERB JOB OF TRANSLATING NUANCES INTO MANDARIN, AS WELL AS KEY SLIDES IN MANDARIN. THE EFFORT WAS MOST EFFECTIVE AS IT ALLOWED US TO ADDRESS CONTENTIOUS POINTS WITH CANDOR. I CONCLUDED BY

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REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REMARKS, CONFIRMING THAT A SECURE, PROSPEROUS CHINA IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST AND THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO ASIA-PACIFIC STABILITY IS STEADFAST - WE ARE HERE TO STAY.

5. (S) CHI AND DELEGATION ALSO TOURED THE INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT PEARL HARBOR TO SEE OUR PRACTICES THERE. [redacted] FOLKS ARRANGED THE ROUTE SO HE SAW 13 OF 25 SSN'S HERE, AS WELL AS THE ARRAY OF CRUISERS AND SUPPORT SHIPS. WE TRIED TO DO THIS SUBTLY, BUT THE POINT WAS NOT LOST - PARTICULARLY WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE VESSELS AGAIN ON THE BARGE FROM THE WATER THE NEXT DAY. THE VISIT TO RUSSELL, AN ARLEIGH BURKE CRUISER, IMPRESSED THE DELEGATION, NOT ONLY WITH THE DENSITY OF FIREPOWER AND AUTOMATION, BUT ESPECIALLY WITH THE SAILORS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES/TALENTS. FINALLY, THE VTC WITH DR. PERRY IN BRUSSELS CAPPED THE DAY. CHI MUCH APPRECIATED SECDEF'S PERSONAL EFFORT AND THOUGHTS, AND ALL WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE ABILITY TO DISCUSS IN THIS WAY. AT THE RIGHT TIME WE SHOULD SHOW THIS CAPABILITY FROM A FIELD UNIT OR SHIP.

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6. (S) CHI'S LAST DAY WAS LARGELY RECREATIONAL WITH SWIMMING AT HANAUMA BAY, A NAVY EXCHANGE VISIT AND EXPOSURE TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE. THE HIGHLIGHT WAS A WREATH LAYING AT THE ARIZONA MEMORIAL, PRECEDED BY THE FILM OF THE EVENTS AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER. THE FILM MADE

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CLEAR SINO-U.S. BONDS OF THAT PERIOD. THE DELEGATION WAS CLEARLY MOVED BY THE EVENTS, THAT INCLUDED THE PARK HISTORIAN'S RENDITION, AND BY THE PRESENCE WITH US OF A SURVIVOR FROM USS WEST VIRGINIA - WHO SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED THE USAF! CHI WIPED AWAY TEARS WHEN HE AND MADAM LIANG TOSSED THEIR LEI INTO THE WATERS. WE MADE THE POINT FORMER ENEMIES CAN BE COME ALLIES, EVEN FRIENDS.

7. (S) CHI DEPARTED IN HIGH SPIRITS EAGER TO RETURN TO THE U.S. THOUGH ERV AND KARL MAY HAVE A BETTER VIEW, IT SEEMED CHI WAS ALSO PLEASED WITH THE IMPACT ON HIS HARDER LINERS, GEN TAO, GEN LIU, AND VADM HE. MY OPINION IS WE ADVANCED THE BALL, AND MIL-TO-MIL IS POSITIONED TO BE ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

THE PACE, AGAIN IN MY OPINION, CANNOT BE TOO FAST, BUT IT MUST BE STEADY. DETAILS BY SEPCOR.

8. (S) YOUR TEAMS, WITH [redacted] IN BEIJING AND THOSE YOU KNOW WELL IN D.C., ARE DOING SUPERB WORK. MY BEST AND VERY RESPECTFULLY, JOE.// (b)(2) High, (b)(6)

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